

SSDS Fun Business Meeting Minutes

Mike and Alice's house, 243 Buckingham Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210

Sunday, August 17th at 12 noon

Attendance: Rosalie, Deb, Alice, Mike, Dan, Steve, Mary Ellen

1. Old Business

- August break. No Thursday dances in August so that our regular volunteers could have a break to enjoy other summer activities. Planning for August 2009: We will survey our dance patrons during July 2009 to determine if there is enough interest to schedule weekly August dances. If we continue dances through August next year we will enlist alternate volunteers for deejay and door duties so that our regular volunteers can still have a break.
- Sound system – fine.
- Music Library Inventory – Steve has current inventory in excel sheet. This needs some updates which should be completed before we resume weekly dances September 4th, 2008.
- Purchasing music for library from internet sources – Planning for music purchase by our deejays using either gift cards or I-tunes account.
- Review of Arrowhead Lodge 2008 Picnic Thursday, July 31, 2008:
 - There were 45 people sitting for dinner at 6:15pm. The crowd numbered 75 people at 7:30pm. This is more than previous years.
 - The SSDS shopping list from MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse totaled \$266.36. They have issued a discount card for future purchases that will give us 5% off total purchases in addition to our tax exemption, which they already have on file. We collected \$195 from people that did not bring food.
 - There were extra veggieburgers left over but all the beef burgers were gone. One of the three 5#bags of hot dogs was left over.
 - The beverage table was next to the dance floor and ice water drips caused some messes that needed to be cleaned up. Next year we will move the beverage table out to the porch away from the dance floor and serve the iced drinks from plastic ice coolers instead of cardboard box/plastic bags. Patrons are allowed to bring alcohol for their own consumption; One six-pack of beer per person.
 - The flyer table near the entrance door was a good idea.
 - The food tables were behind the chimney area and this was also a good idea that gave us more room for dancing. We used the chafing

dishes to keep the meat warm. We used three food tables and one dessert table.

- We saved some money for not buying soda this year. We also saved some money since Greg and Mary had a supply of cups, plasticware, napkins and plates. There is still enough left to supply the Halloween weekend and possibly the Holiday dance as well. We did not save the tablecovers since they were sticky with food.
- The dance floor felt a bit sticky even though the AC was turned on. As soon as people began dancing, it felt hot and sticky and we asked for the ceiling fans to be turned on. Putting powder on the floor is not allowed at Arrowhead Lodge. We have a canister of dancer's floor wax that might help smooth out the sticky spots but this could make the surface unevenly smooth. There would be a sudden slippery spot when the rest of the floor is sticky. It might be best to leave the floor as it is and then there are no sudden slips.
- Volunteers helped set up, cook and clean up. Among the many volunteers were Cindy Harkness, Carl Stoner, Dennis Gerber, John Manzano, Rosalie Neri, Julius, Linda B., Josie, Art & Su Keiser, Greg Boyer, Mary Giehl, Cathy Osinski, Alice Chico, Michael Stafford Hill, Barb Roe, Ed & Brenda Miller, Craig & Linda, Jessica Reeher, Kris Caspari, Eric, Danny Ho, Connie Edgerton, Kim Gurley, Patty, Mary W., John McNeil, Alan Allred, Andy Watkins. Many Thanks to all that prepared and brought the delicious food dishes.
- John Manzano and Danny Ho cooked all the veggieburgers, beef burgers and hot dogs outside over charcoal.
- Can Isik brought the sound system and deejayed.
- Worst nightmare J&J dancers were: Dave Moran/Gary Groper, Connie E./LucyLush, Alan Allred/Paul Patternmaster, Jessica Reeher/Susie Syncopation, Dennis Gerber/Larry Lookaway, Katie/Betty Backleader, Isaias Benagas/Bennie Offabeata, Rosalie Neri/Wanda Waver, Robert Roughleader/Can Isik, Robyn/Sally Spaghettiarms.
- Prizes were M&M's. There are alot of M&M's left since not many people turned in their ballots to collect their prize. We gave them a prize no matter if all or none of their answers were correct. The M&M's will not spoil or melt, so we can use them for Halloween prizes. The dancers got M&M prizes for participating in the show.
- We had the barn dance immediately following the dance J&J show. Three people requested the barn dance as that is a tradition.

- Denise was our OCParks chaperone for the evening. We played last song at 10:15pm and volunteers helped clean up quickly. Andy Watkins, Greg, Connie, Alan, Carl and John M. all helped clean up and pick up the baby powder that was left on the floor.
- Anyone wishing to share picnic photos, please feel free to mail them to Can Isik on a cd (4576 Cone Wood Trail, Manlius 13104). Or you can give them in person at our next weekly Thursday night dance on September 4th at Knights of Columbus.

2. Publicity

- Prepare, approve and print flyers for Labor Day mailing
 - Hazel/Tybaldt WCS/Hustle weekend: Flyer approved, two-sided
 - Halloween dance October 25th, 2008: Flyer approved, two-sided, with our weekly SSDS Thursday KofC dance flyer on the back. We will make sure the phone number 434 – 9503 is correct.
 - Holiday dance December 11th, 2008: Flyer approved, two-sided with return SSDS address/Post Office Permit information on back. This will be the outermost flyer in the mailing packet.
- SSDS mailing list update: Our current mailing list is up to date. There were just two returned from our last mailing. Deb has enough address labels to complete the mailing.
- SSDS weekly dance flyer: After discussion by the group, it was decided to make no changes in our dance starting time of 8:30pm. Our weekly dance flyer is accurate and needs no alteration for the mailing.
- SSDS business cards – Greg had new SSDS cards made with our red/black logo
- SSDS banner – fine, stored with Mary Ellen
- SSDS tee shirts – no sales
- Syracuse Newspapers
- www.syrswingdance.org - fine
- SSDS listserv and announcements -fine

3. Financial Report

- Greg, Maria and Mary Ellen need to meet and review financial data from June 6-8th Mario Robau workshop weekend

4. Upcoming Events

- Weekly dances resume September 4th

- Thursday, October 2nd, Knights of Columbus Hall not available (refinishing the wood floors). No Thursday dance that week.
- Hazel & Tybaldt Ulrich WCS/Hustle weekend October 24th & 25th at Syracuse Ukrainian Home. Steve, Cathy and Dan are event coordinators. Cathy volunteered to coordinate workshop registration. Dan is coordinating billeting. Steve has booked flights for Hazel & Tybaldt. There will be six one-hour workshops total; two hustle workshops on Friday night and four WCS workshops on Saturday. The Saturday schedule allows for our decorating party 2:45 – 4:00pm, between the 2nd and 3rd Saturday workshops. We are planning to order pizza.
- The Friday night and Saturday Halloween dances will be coordinated by Mary Ellen. Door duty volunteers get free admission to the dance for working 30 minutes.
- Holiday dance, Thursday, December 11th, 2008 Knights of Columbus. Light food and appetizers. Regular \$5 admission or bring food to share.

5. New Business, Other Business

- Dance instruction at area schools
- Mike Topel February 13th, 14th and 15th 2009. Deb Called Mike about deciding some new titles for workshops. We need the precise wording for the contract concerning the bad weather clause. We do not know what event insurance would cost? Steve volunteered to contact Peter Davis, who organizes the Dance Flurry, and ask about the cost of insurance. Mary Ellen will see if Tania is available to help with the wording of the bad weather clause.
- Monthly dances for WCS/Hustle at smaller local venues
- Corcoran High School Band Dance at Corcoran High School Gym
- Thursday, August 6th, 2009, Arrowhead Lodge picnic.

Next Meeting date, time, place: Sunday, September 28th, 1:00pm, Rosalie's house, 203 Kenwick Drive, Syracuse, NY, 13203.